

From Detroit to Fargo - the front lines of our movement!

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Wed 10/24/2018 5:44 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear Friend,

Today, President Trump signed the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act into law. This is an important step in curbing our Nation's addiction epidemic, but we know addiction does not start with opioids. All too often, it starts with marijuana. So we're not surprised by recent research finding, once again, a strong link between marijuana and opioids. (*See SAM's new marijuana and opioid one pager [here](#).*)

On this note, we are double downing on our support in the fight against marijuana commercialization in Michigan and North Dakota. Indeed, in just a couple of short weeks, voters will be heading to the ballot box.

We have seen polls turn to our favor in two battleground states: North Dakota and Michigan. There, our efforts have paid off thanks to our grassroots coalitions and partnerships on the ground.

In a historic move, the largest NAACP chapter in the world stood with us yesterday in support of our campaign, along with faith and other social justice leaders.

*Kamilla K. Landrum, Deputy Director, Detroit Branch NAACP said:
"If passed, this ballot measure adds another layer of the systematic racism
that has held our communities of color, particularly African-Americans, in
bondage for hundreds of years."*

And in North Dakota today, after our mass communications and billboard campaign in the state was implemented, a new poll found that a whopping 65% of North Dakotans oppose Measure 3. The efforts of Healthy and Productive North Dakota in putting up billboards, hosting press conferences, sending out mailers, and blasting the airwaves have really begun to move the needle.

Check out the latest billboards that are popping up all over the state:

Back in Michigan, we have a team of dedicated volunteers hard at work making phone calls and knocking on doors getting the word out that legalization is the wrong move for the state.

Healthy and Productive Michigan's Detroit volunteer canvassers

SAM Action President Dr. Kevin Sabet speaking with phone bankers in Detroit

On top of that, the president of the Detroit Branch NAACP, Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony recorded a video urging Michigan voters to join him in voting NO on the ballot initiative. Check out that video [here](#):

Finally, SAM Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor Luke Niforatos joined Cheddar TV for a live interview on SAM's efforts in the Midterm Elections, and beyond:

Read some highlights of the coverage of the inspiring Detroit press conference:

[Detroit NAACP urges 'no' vote on legal marijuana as campaign makes final push](#) - MLive

Opponents speak out against Mich. pot legalization proposal

-The Detroit News

Friend, our message is being heard, despite the best efforts of Big Marijuana. Each time we have released a ground breaking achievement or inspiring endorsement, the marijuana industry puppets try desperately to bury it.

But they can't stop the momentum we are creating across the country and they can't stop us from changing hearts and minds every single day in these battleground states.

Thank you for all that you are doing to spread our message and expose the harms of this greedy industry. We absolutely could not do this without all of you. Could you **click here to chip in with a donation** to help push back against the greedy pot profiteers? Our future is counting on it!

Thank you for all you do,

Dr. Kevin Sabet
Founder and President
Smart Approaches to Marijuana

About SAM

SAM Action is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting healthy marijuana policies that do not involve legalizing drugs. SAM Action engages in high-impact political campaigns to oppose marijuana legalization and commercialization.

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BREAKING: Opponents of Marijuana Legalization Gather in Detroit

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OPPONENTS OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION GATHER IN DETROIT

(Detroit, MI) - Today, a group of new supporters gathered in Detroit in opposition to Proposition 18-1. This group includes:

- Reverend Horace Sheffield, Detroit Association of Black Organizations
- Yvette McElory Anderson, Field Director, Fannie Lou Hamer PAC
- Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony, President, Detroit Branch NAACP
- Kamilia Landrum, Deputy Director, Detroit Branch NAACP
- Bishop Corletta Vaughn
- Dr. Kevin Sabet, President, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action

"We're proud to stand with these Detroit leaders and fight for social justice. Legalization is about a few rich people getting richer, not social justice. More African American and Latino kids have been arrested for pot since legalization began in Colorado. Legalizing drugs hurt these communities most," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, president and founder of SAM Action and former Senior Drug Policy Advisor to President Obama.

"We do not support Prop 18-1 and what's drafted in the proposal," said Yvette McElroy Anderson, Field Director for Fannie Lou Hamer PAC. "It's not going to benefit the people but only make profits for big business."

"I urge you to vote no on the legalization of marijuana in the state of Michigan. Vote no on Tuesday, November 6. Don't legalize, let's decriminalize. Our children need hope, not dope," said Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony in a pre-recorded video [viewable here](#). "The legalization of weed can also lead to the institutionalization of corporate greed. Do we really need that? Vote no on Proposal 18-1. I'll see you at the polls."

"As one who once struggle with drugs, which started with marijuana use, and as one who now provides Substance Abuse Prevention programs I know the dangers of drugs," said Reverend Horace Sheffield. "And making marijuana legal for recreational purposes will do more damage than it will be fun."

"Legalization has failed to address very real social justice harms such as the racial disparity in arrests amongst minorities," said Abu Edwards, Field Director for Healthy and Productive Michigan.

The District of Columbia saw public consumption and distribution arrests nearly triple between the years 2015 and 2016, and a disproportionate number of those marijuana-related arrests occur among African-Americans. Furthermore, juvenile marijuana-related arrests have increased among African-American and Hispanic teens in Colorado after legalization. Between 2012 and 2014, the percentage of Hispanic and African-American arrests for teens under 18 years old increased 29% and 58%, respectively.

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BREAKING: New Studies Find Spike in Car Crashes Linked to Legal Marijuana

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Breaking News: Study Finds Car Crashes Are Up In States With Legal Pot

[Alexandria, VA] - New data released by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) finds car crashes are up a combined six percent in four states that have legalized marijuana compared with the states surrounding them that haven't legalized. The findings come from two separate studies, which were released today.

Analysts from the IIHS looked for differences for insured drivers, insured vehicles, urban versus rural, weather, etc. between legalized and non-legalized states. The studies include data from the commercialized states of Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Washington from 2012 through October of 2017.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) President Dr. Kevin Sabet stated, "Drugged driving is quickly becoming an epidemic as Big Marijuana continues to spread its false promises that pot is safe. These studies prove that is not the case. People are paying with their lives, and it's evident the problem isn't going away. It's time to slow this train down and consider the consequences of legalization.

"Studies such as this should shut down any argument from the pot industry lobbyists who claim that legalizing marijuana use is a good idea. We have already seen what the industry does when states legalize. Not only does drugged driving increase, children are targeted with the use of colorful and harmless looking

pot infused gummies, candies and sodas, pot shops are set up in low income neighborhoods, and work output plummets from a stoned workforce.

"Our hope is that people open their eyes to this deceptive industry and slam the door on Big Marijuana's hopes of becoming the next Big Tobacco."

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October 17th Will be Remembered as a Grey Day in Canada

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Dear friend,

October 17th, 2018 will be a day we look back on as a dark day in our history - the day Canada began nationwide legal sales of high-potency marijuana. It will be remembered as the day Canadian lawmakers put the interest of an addiction-for-profit industry over the health and safety of its citizens.

To make matters worse, the decision made in Ontario almost immediately after allowing for public pot smoking -- an astonishing provision given how we think of secondhand tobacco smoke -- will put more people at risk, and shows this law's true colors.

We at SAM and our partners at SAM Canada were determined not to stay silent.

So we grabbed a microphone and took to the streets, gathering with our fellow Canadian brothers and sisters. We were amazed at the attention we garnered: dozens and dozens of cameras, joined by scores of strangers, witnessed as we discussed marijuana dependence and addiction, mental illness, drugged driving, second-hand smoke, child exposure.

Here are just a few pieces of coverage the rally against legalization earned:

"A 'dark day' for Canada, say anti-pot activists"
- CBC

"The Early Edition with Stephen Quinn"

- CBC Radio

"Group opposed pot legalization at Vancouver rally"

- News1130

"Pot legalization marks a grey day for Canadians, says opponent"

- The Epoch Times

"Anti-legalization protest in Vancouver draws concerned groups, hecklers"

- Global News

We didn't fly all the way to Vancouver to simply protest legalization, we used the event to launch a watchdog website, www.PotWatch.org, to be used to expose the harms of Big Marijuana in Canada. Pot Watch will serve as a hub for Canadians to access help and make their voices heard. It will work to shine a light on the realities the marijuana industry wants to remain in the darkness.

Our message is being heard, despite the best efforts of Big Marijuana.

Thank you for all that you are doing to spread our message and expose the harms of this greedy industry. We could not do it without your continued support.

Dr. Kevin Sabet
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SAM Launches New Project on Day Canada Legalizes Marijuana

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Watchdog Group Launches on First Day of Marijuana Legalization in Canada

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[Vancouver, BC] - Today, despite international treaties outlawing the legal sales of marijuana, Canada became the largest sponsor of marijuana in the world, legalizing the commercial sales of the drug. In response, concerned citizens, activists, and public health experts gathered in Vancouver to announce the launch of a watchdog group dedicated to counting the costs of marijuana commercialization and assisting Canadians in need of help.

The [SAM Canada Pot Watch](#) will help Canadians navigate through the real scientific truth about marijuana and will provide referrals to legal, legislative, and other relief for Canadians harmed by today's high potency pot.

"Canada is not only violating international laws by commercializing marijuana, it is letting a new industry - Big Marijuana - grow and prosper," said Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of [Smart Approaches to Marijuana](#) (SAM). "As more Canadians feel the negative effects - secondhand smoke, workplace accidents, car crashes, declining school performance, loss of productivity, and other issues - I am confident the policy will be reversed in time. For now, we will help document the real costs of this policy. This [watchdog website](#) will help keep government and industry accountable."

"We need to be mindful of what has happened to our southern neighbor under legalization," said Pamela McColl, chair of SAM Canada. "Drugged-driving will go up. Workplace accidents will increase. Children and low-income populations will be targeted. It's up to our coalition to ensure Canada remains safe and shielded from the profit-driven interests of Big Marijuana."

This project will serve as a much-needed watchdog over the rapidly expanding industry in Canada. As seen in the United States, the marijuana industry dumps massive amounts of money into electing pro-marijuana lawmakers and lobbying on rolling back regulations so that it may pull in larger profits.

"We will seek to shine a light where the industry would prefer darkness and expose the truth of what commercialization is doing to our country," said McColl. "We will help Canadians get the help and guidance they need to deal with this dangerous, unprecedented policy."

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Here's a quick rundown of marijuana news

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News Roundup

September/October 2018

Here is a brief rundown of marijuana news as well as an update on what we have been up to over the last month.

Register Now for the 2019 SAM SUMMIT in Atlanta!

Don't miss the 6th Annual SAM Summit, once again taking place in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

SAM is proud to announce that U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer, District Of Colorado, has just been added as the featured keynote.

This will be a must-see presentation as US Attorney Troyer will discuss his first-hand experience dealing with the negative effects of marijuana legalization in the state of Colorado. Be sure to read his September 2018 op-ed "[It's high time we took a breath from marijuana commercialization.](#)"

Topics to be covered include: Lessons Learned from Legalized States, States to Watch in 2019 and Beyond, Legalization and Social Justice, and more.

We are currently accepting submissions for additional speakers. If you are interested in giving a presentation, please email Brendan at info@learnaboutsam.org

[Click here to register now!](#)

SAM Goes All-In to Defeat Legalization in North Dakota

SAM Action launched a statewide group announcing that they will fight passage of recreational marijuana in North Dakota in this fall's election, calling it "bad law" and promising to educate residents about its dangers.

The proposed law would make North Dakota the most liberal state for the regulation and control of marijuana. It would allow for limitless THC, place no limits on how much pot a person could carry, or how much they sale or where they sell it. Further, the measure would severely hamstring law enforcement efforts to enforce impaired driving laws.

SAM Action is going all out to support efforts to oppose this reckless proposal from passing. To help bolster the opposition to Measure 3, SAM Action officially launched its new affiliate Healthy and Productive North Dakota. The image above is going up on billboards all over the state advertising the reality of limitless pot potency that the measure would allow for.

Multiple News Outlets Urge No Vote in Michigan, Including Detroit News Endorsement of SAM's Efforts

New HHS Survey: Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing

The Detroit News officially came out in opposition to the efforts to legalize marijuana in the state of Michigan. "The primary problem with this proposal is that it won't do what its name implies: regulate marijuana like alcohol. Prop 1 would leave too much of the marijuana production and distribution network underground, making enforcement of regulatory and tax policies difficult."

Additionally, SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet penned an oped for The Detroit News highlighting the concerns Michiganders should have about legalization:

"Large increases in drugged driving deaths, a predatory industry targeting minorities and children, Big Marijuana wants nothing more than to use its power to entice the unsuspecting, the poor, the young and any other group that will listen to its false promises of a better world."

There are now twice as many daily or near daily marijuana users in the US than just a decade ago, according to the most comprehensive survey on drug use released this month by the federal government. There are also now 8,300 new marijuana users each day, and 22% of 18 to 25 year olds are currently using the drug-the highest number for all three stats in recent memory.

The marijuana industry is getting their wish. More people are using highly potent pot edibles and other items much more often, and the perception of harm for these products is plummeting. It is time we woke up as a country and put science above ideology.

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) also found that 42% of marijuana users use the drug daily or almost daily, and that marijuana was used by more than 8 in 10 substance users. Marijuana use

In an op-ed for the Detroit Free Press, Dr. Sabet discussed how legal pot brings about more substance abuse, impaired drivers, and racial disparities:

"According to data from the National Institutes of Health, 70% of today's illicit drug users began their journey with marijuana. The simple fact is that today's marijuana is much more potent - and harmful - than in the past.

rose significantly among age groups 12 and up, 18 and up, and 26 and up. Use among 12 to 17 year olds was stable versus last year, though in legalized states NSDUH data show marijuana use higher on average in legalized states.

California Governor Vetoes Bill Allowing Pot Shops to Deduct Expenses from Taxes

Op-ed: "New Jersey Police Chiefs: Don't Legalize Pot"

California Governor Jerry Brown vetoed a bill that would have allowed marijuana operations in the state to deduct business expenses from their state taxes, effectively allowing them greater movement to to advertise, promote, and commercialize their products.

"Governor Brown did the right thing vetoing AB 1863, which would have granted legitimacy to these federally illegal operations. What is disturbing about the bill is that it would allow these operations to deduct advertising costs just like any legitimate business.

"Because marijuana operations are pushing a federally controlled substance they are not able to deduct these expenses. Had the bill been signed, Big Marijuana would have been able to advertise and operate with even more freedom than they have at present."

As part of SAM's ongoing work in New Jersey with its affiliate, NJ-RAMP, Member of the executive board for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and the Chairman of the NJSACOP Working Group, John Zebrowski, penned an op-ed highlighting the concerns of New Jersey law enforcement when it comes to marijuana legalization.

"My community has experienced its share of horrific crashes, traffic congestion, snarl-ups, delays, as well as, pedestrian and cyclist fatalities. So I feel appropriately qualified to discuss the issues and concerns related to impaired driving, and in this case "drugged driving," and its effect upon the motoring and non-motoring public.

Marijuana is not a benign drug. Impairment due to drugged driving has certain comparable similarities to impairment due to drunk driving, but it's the differences that will

make the roadways less safe and the ability to enforce drugged driving laws much more difficult."

New Data Out of Colorado Show Harsh Reality of Legalization

A new Colorado report compiled by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area finds marijuana-positive traffic fatalities, hospitalizations, marijuana use, and illegal market activity have increased since marijuana legalization.

The report finds that since marijuana legalization:

- Drugged driving went from killing roughly one person every 6.5 days to now killing someone every 2.5 days
- Marijuana positive deaths have doubled
- Regular marijuana use among the general population increased 45 percent
- Marijuana use in Colorado is higher than 85 percent of the nation
- The report also found that youth marijuana use increased 5 percent and is 54 percent higher than the national average, ranked 7th in the nation
- The number of highway seizures of Colorado marijuana increased 39 percent
- A total of 7.3 tons of illicit, Colorado-grown marijuana has been seized by law enforcement as it was en route to 24 different states
- Seizures of Colorado marijuana in the U.S. mail system has increased 1,042 percent from an average of 52 parcels (2009-2012) to an average of 594 parcels (2013-2017)

To read the full report, please [click here](#).

Michigan Prosecutors: "Legal marijuana would change the landscape of Michigan"

SAM President Testifies in Kentucky Legislature as Lawmakers Consider Relaxing Marijuana Laws

Police, prosecutors, health officials and others across the state of Michigan warned of dangers if a ballot initiative to legalize marijuana is passed by voters in November. The prosecutors also endorsed the efforts of Healthy and Productive Michigan, a SAM-affiliate.

Steve Kempker, the Ottawa County sheriff, said he recently met with law-enforcement officials in Colorado where marijuana has been legal since the start of 2014. He said that homelessness, petty theft and drugged-driving crashes - with marijuana the main drug - have increased. Mostly, he's concerned about the impact on children, and their easier access to the drug.

Ottawa County Prosecutor Ron Frantz said the legalizing marijuana would not, as some say, open jail cells for violent offenders. Any notion that the nation's jails and prisons are filled with those convicted marijuana-related crimes is "fallacy,"

"It's a terrible idea for Michigan," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese said.

SAM founder and president Dr. Kevin Sabet was in Kentucky recently to testify before state lawmakers as they are considering marijuana legalization.

"I think we need to slow down a little bit, because I do think this is something we're going to regret," said Dr. Sabet.

Dr. Sabet spent much of the hearing debunking the radical claims of the marijuana industry's lobbyists, including claims that the drug could cure cancer.

"We are not about criminalizing users or denying medicine that could be helpful for people, especially people with terminal illnesses," he said. "What we want to talk about is making sure we keep in mind what the data are saying and what experience has shown."

Contemporary Health Issues on Marijuana: New Book Co-Edited by Dr. Kevin Sabet Available Now

Hot off the presses of Oxford University, *Contemporary Health Issues on Marijuana* is now available for purchase.

This new book, co-edited by Drs. Kevin A. Sabet and Ken C. Winters, comprises chapters by other experts hailing from a wide range of fields including psychology, epidemiology, medicine, and criminal justice. It is a balanced, data-driven volume highlighting new theory and clinical evidence pertaining to marijuana.

The volume features a comprehensive review of research into marijuana's impact on public health, including how it affects cognitive and neurological functioning, its medical effects, suggested treatment approaches for marijuana use disorders, marijuana smoking and lung function, and marijuana-impaired driving.

Supplies are limited, so place your order today!

MARIJUANA: PREVENTING ANOTHER BIG TOBACCO MEDIA CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT NOW AVAILABLE

Big Marijuana is borrowing the playbook of Big Tobacco in search of the same deep profits at the expense of addicted users. It is time to combat their game with the facts! To help you do so, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) has partnered with Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) to offer a comprehensive media campaign prevention toolkit.

As always, thank you for being a SAM supporter. If you can, please chip-in with a small donation by clicking here.

If you can't chip-in, then at the very least, please click here to share this with a friend and help grow the SAM community.

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FW: Weekly Round-Up

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Municipal Clerks: Please forward to Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

I. State Issues

a. Cannabis Legalization

Earlier this week the League, the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association and the New

Jersey Conference of Mayors issued a coalition letter to the Governor and the State Legislature on the anticipated legalization of cannabis. The three organizations are working closely to assure that local governments are protected and provided the appropriate resources in the event that legislation is passed to legalize adult use marijuana. The Senate President has identified his objective to pass legislation by October 29. Please review the letter and regardless of your position of the issue, **please reach out to your State Legislators** and let them know your opinion. As stated in the letter, enforcement will fall mostly on municipal governments and your voice must be heard now.

Contact: Michael F. Cerra, Assistant Executive Director, mcerra@njislom.org, 609-695-3481 x120.

b. OPRA & OPMA Bills

On Monday, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will consider **S-106**, which makes various changes to law addressing meetings of public bodies to provide public with greater access to meetings and information about meetings and **S-107**, which makes certain access changes to open public records act; establishes State public finance website and creates program for development of local websites; makes appropriation. We anticipate additional amendments will be made to these bills

We appreciate the strides the sponsors have taken to address issues through the proposed amendments, such as addressing both the privacy issues surrounding OPRA and the issue of commercial request for records. However, as discussed in more detail below, we still have major concerns with the bills and must continue to oppose S-106 and S-107.

1.Subcommittees (OPMA): The definition of subcommittees has been changed to "any subordinate committee of a public body, except the Legislature, regardless of label, that is formally created by that body, comprised of two or more members, but less than a quorum, of the public body, and recognized by the public body as a subcommittee thereof." Subcommittees would be required to prepare at least quarterly reports of their meetings that must include; the number of meetings held since the last report, the names of members of the subcommittee, and a concise statement of the matters discussed. Every subcommittee must file at least one report with the public body. A subcommittee report is available for public access in the same manner as minutes of a meeting of the public body. If the subcommittee has given an oral report at a meeting of the public body then they are not required to submit the written report for that quarter. The public body must determine if a subcommittee meeting is open to the public. If the meeting is open to the public, adequate notice must be provided. **The purpose of subcommittees is to make recommendations to the governing body for the governing body to take action. Subcommittees are designed to digest and vet information informally. Subcommittees do not expend public funds nor make binding decisions. That power remains with the governing body. By their very nature, subcommittees are advisory, deliberative, and consultative. Just as advisory, deliberative and consultative material is exempted from the Open Public Records Act so should subcommittees remain not subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.**

2.Prevaling Attorney Fees (OPMA & OPRA): The OPRA bill continues to mandate prevailing attorney fees for violation of OPRA, and the OPMA bill is changing prevailing attorney fees from permissive to mandatory. **The League strongly believes that the Courts and the Government Records Council need the flexibility to award reasonable attorney's fees based on the given circumstances of a particular case.**

3.Exemption of the Legislature (OPMA & OPRA): Both bills continue to exempt the Legislature from many requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and all of the requirements of the Open Public Records Act. **The League has strongly argued that in the interest of transparency and openness, the various exceptions in the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act that apply to the legislature and the legislators should be removed. The rules that the legislation makes applicable**

to other governmental bodies should apply equally to all governmental levels and officials.

We suggest you contact the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee to express your concerns with the legislation.

Sarlo, Paul A. - Chair
Stack, Brian P. - Vice-Chair
Addiego, Dawn Marie
Bucco, Anthony R.
Cruz-Perez, Nilsa
Cunningham, Sandra B.
Diegnan, Patrick J.
Greenstein, Linda R.
O'Scanlon, Declan J.
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Ruiz, M. Teresa
Singleton, Troy
Thompson, Samuel D.

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Senior Analyst, lbuckelew@njslom.org, 609-695-3481, x112.

c. League and Others Submit Comments Opposing SALT Regulations

Earlier this week, on behalf of our members the League submitted comments opposing proposed amendments to IRS regulations which would have eliminated the effectiveness of New Jersey's efforts to dampen the effects of the recent \$10,000 cap on State and Local Tax ("SALT") deductions.

Also submitting comments in opposition to the proposed SALT regulations was State Attorney General, Gurbir Grewal, joined by the Attorneys General of California, Connecticut, and New York. These comments continue the State's role in trying to avoid the harsh impact the SALT cap deduction would have on the Garden State.

A public hearing on these proposed amendments will take place on November 5, 2018, where it is anticipated they will be voted on for adoption. We will keep you updated on this matter as it continues to progress.

Contact: Frank Marshall, Esq., League Staff Attorney, FMarshall@njslom.org, 609-695-3481 x 137.

II. Federal Issue

a. Anti-Opioid Epidemic Bill Specifics

As reported last week, Congress has sent to the White House a major initiative, designed to provide new tools to combat the national opioid epidemic. Despite the rancor and polarization most issues seem to cause, this battle has been generated broad bi-partisan cooperation.

H.R. 6, the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act will advance treatment and recovery initiatives, improve prevention, protect communities, and bolster efforts to fight deadly illicit synthetic drugs like fentanyl.

The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act follows the passage of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and the 21st Century Cures Act last Congress, the \$4 billion appropriated in 2018 the omnibus earlier this year to help combat the opioid crisis, as well as the \$6.7 billion included in the recent Defense-Labor-HHS appropriations package to boost programs that fight, treat, and stop substance abuse, and support access to mental health services. This is the most significant congressional effort against a single drug crisis in history.

Provisions in the **SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act** will advance:

Treatment and Recovery

- Improve and expand access to treatment and recovery services
- Provide incentives for enhanced care, coordination, and innovation
- Establish comprehensive opioid recovery centers

Prevention

- Encourage non-addictive opioid alternatives to treat pain
- Improve data to identify and help at-risk patients and families
- Address high prescribing rates while enhancing prescription drug monitoring programs

Protecting Communities

- Give law enforcement tools to get dangerous drugs out of our communities
- Better intercept illicit opioids at international mail facilities
- Improve access to federal resources for local communities

Fighting Fentanyl

- Better tackle ever-changing synthetic drugs
- Crack down on foreign shipments of illicit drugs
- Provide grants for local communities to combat fentanyl

Among the provisions designed to assist local government efforts are:

Section 7002 - Expands grants for first responder training to include training on safety;
Section 7031 – Requires US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop recovery housing best practices, and indicators that could be used to identify ‘fraudulent’ recovery house operators;
Section 7102 - Requires HHS Secretary, in consultation with US Secretary of Education, to supply best practices, and provide grants, for prevention and recovery for youths and young adults;
Section 7134 – Authorizes US Secretary of Education to make grants to link educational institutions with mental health systems to provide trauma support;
Section 7151 – Reauthorizes the Building Communities of Recovery program to provide funding for long-term recovery support services, including peer support networks; and
Section 8092 – Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the US Department of Justice (DOJ) opioid abuse grant program, through 2023.

Contact: Jon Moran, Senior Legislative Analyst, jmoran@njslom.org, 609-695-3481 x121.

III. League Conference

a. Unauthorized Hospitality Functions

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b. Exhibits at the Annual Conference

Do you know a vendor that would be a good fit for the Annual Conference? If so, ask them about being an exhibitor or have them contact Kristin Lawrence, Exhibit Manager at 609-695-3481 x125 or klawrence@nislom.org. Information is also available on the League's website.

c. Don't Forget! CEU Tracking System Procedures for 103rd Annual NJLM Conference

Badge Scanners will be used to track CEU Credits and Attendance at the NJLM 103rd Annual Conference.

For Sessions that Have CEU credit Available:

- All Attendees looking to earn credit must scan-in and scan-out of these qualifying sessions* to earn their CEU credits.
- Attendees will claim their certificates after the conference via the League website www.nislom.org/confceu/

For more information or for a complete list of procedures please visit the Conference Website.

* **Please note**, the procedures described above only apply to educational sessions. Business Meetings and Exhibitor Learning Sessions are **not** included in the scanning system.

IV. Also of Interest

a. NJ Homeowners Guide to Property Taxes

League affiliate the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey collaborated with NJCPA, NJ Realtors, investors Foundation, and Rutgers to produce a "Homeowners Guide To Property Taxes". We have posted the guide for you to download and share with your residents. You can also order printed copies with your municipality's seal at the NJCPA website.

b. Attorney General 21/21 Community Policing Project

The Attorney General has asked the 21 County Prosecutors to organize quarterly public events to discuss issues relevant to community policing in the 21st century (the "21/21 Community Policing Project"). The goal of the project is to strengthen relationships between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve – and to address areas of concern before conflicts arise. Starting in spring 2018, each of the County Prosecutors will be responsible for organizing one meeting each on the following topics:

- **Spring 2018** (Apr-Jun) – Investigations of Officer-Involved Shootings
- **Summer 2018** (Jun-Aug) – Opioids
- **Fall 2018** (Sep-Nov) – Immigration Enforcement
- **Winter 2018-19** (Dec-Feb) – Bias Crimes

The events will include presentations and/or discussions on the quarterly topic. For a listing of scheduled public events contact [your county prosecutor](#) or visit the [21/21 Community Policing Project site](#).

c. Brownfields Reuse Workshop

The NJ Brownfields Interagency Working Group is hosting an "Accelerate Land Reuse for Community Revitalization" workshop to address questions around legal liability, regulatory issues, funding resources, assessment/remediation, and community engagement to spur redevelopment of these properties.

Panels will feature NJEDA, IBank, NJDEP and USEPA. There will also be an opportunity to meet individually with panelists and over a dozen additional state and federal agencies during Office Hour Consultations. Lunch will be served.

The workshop is free but registration is required. **October 18th at the Kroc Center in Camden.** Come meet with the experts you need to move your redevelopment projects. Register today at the center for creative land recycling website.

[Register for the Camden workshop.](#)

For questions contact the center for creative land recycling at 646-712-0535.



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2019 SAM Summit: Call for Presentations

SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) <reply@learnaboutsam.org>

Thu 10/11/2018 10:15 AM

to:Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

2019 SAM Summit Call for Presentations

Event Date: Thursday April 25, 2019

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, GA

Submission Deadline Date: Friday, November 9, 2018

SAM will notify applicants by the end of November regarding whether their submission was accepted or declined.

Please read before submitting a presentation proposal.

We're looking for dynamic presenters for our annual summit. Ever want to give a TED talk on some aspect of marijuana policy? If you said yes, then read on!

The 2019 SAM Summit is the premier gathering for marijuana policy advocates around the country. Once again, the Summit will be taking place in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

Submissions will be reviewed by members of the SAM team and Board of Directors. Please be prepared to submit the following information that would fit into a 20-30 minute educational session:

- Session title
- Session abstract (max 250 words)
- Three (3) session objectives
- Identification of topic area
- Name & bio of presenter(s)

SAM is seeking proposals that focus on the following topics:

- Advocacy
- Prevention strategies
- Treatment and recovery
- Social justice
- Link between marijuana and opioids/other drugs.
- Workplace and employers, and impact on employee productivity
- Impacts on youth and young adults

Presentation Terms and Conditions:

- Presenters will be required to complete a Conflict of Interest Reporting Form as part of their speaker agreement.
- Presenters agree to waive any honorariums/travel & hotel accommodations.
- Presenter will receive one (1) complimentary SAM Summit registration.
- Additional speakers from your organization must purchase a SAM Summit registration

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions are to be completed by Friday, November 9, 2018.

Submit proposals to Brendan Fairfield: brendan@learnaboutsam.org

About SAM

Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) is a 501 c-3, nonpartisan, non-profit alliance of physicians, policy makers, prevention workers, treatment and recovery professionals, scientists, and other concerned citizens opposed to marijuana legalization who want health and scientific evidence to guide marijuana policies. SAM focuses on education and awareness. SAM has affiliates in more than 30 states. For more information about marijuana use and its effects, visit <http://www.learnaboutsam.org>.

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North Dakota? SAM Action is all in

Kevin Sabet <reply@learnaboutsam.org>

Tue 10/9/2018 3:11 PM

to: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear friend,

Last month, an upstart effort by a college student resulted in the placement of a legalization ballot initiative in North Dakota. SAM Action has been extremely active in Michigan already, and so we began the process of ramping up operations in North Dakota. Measure 3, the North Dakota initiative, creates an addiction-for-profit industry that puts pot profits over people. Today, our Chief of Staff, Luke Niforatos, and our Marijuana Accountability Coalition coordinator, Justin Luke Riley, kicked off our formal campaign - Healthy and Productive North Dakota - and we launched a series of billboards and social media ads in key North Dakota markets.

SAM Chief of Staff Luke Niforatos, joined by local North Dakotans, in Fargo today.

Measure 3 would allow for limitless THC potency and possession amounts - it is an incredibly reckless, greedy initiative. Law enforcement would have a hard time even prosecuting any DUI offenses.

Billboard seen across multiple sites in North Dakota

Thankfully, scores of medical doctors, employers, treatment providers, drug prevention professionals, business owners, employees, law enforcement officers, and parents have come together for form Healthy and Productive North Dakota.

The marijuana industry is going all-in for the states in which it is working to legalize. They are salivating at the opportunity to expand their profit-driven scheme in a new state - and even more anxious to do so in a state with virtually no regulations.

[<<<Click here to chip in and help defeat marijuana commercialization>>>](#)

SAM Action is doing everything we can do help educate voters on the dangers of marijuana commercialization, and so far we have had a very successful year so far. Legislative efforts to commercialize marijuana have been defeated in five states this year, and we have held up New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's pro-pot agenda for over 250 days. That is truly remarkable and proves that legalization is not inevitable.

But as we near the elections, our resources are being spread thin. Can you chip-in with a donation today to help SAM Action continue to defeat marijuana commercialization across the country?

<<<Click here to chip in and help defeat marijuana commercialization>>>

Every dollar you can give is a dollar that will go towards fighting more stoned drivers on our roads, more youth using marijuana, booming black markets, and increasing mental health issues.

Thank you for all that you do,

Dr. Kevin Sabet
Founder and President
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action

About SAM Action

SAM Action is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting healthy marijuana policies that do not involve legalizing drugs. SAM Action engages in high-impact political campaigns to oppose marijuana legalization and commercialization.

www.samaction.net

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New Jersey Conference of Mayors <njcm@njcm.org>

Fri 10/5/2018 4:01 PM

Re: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>

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Re: Marijuana/Cannabis Legislation

Joint Position Letter to Governor and Legislators from New Jersey Conference of Mayors, NJ League of Municipalities and NJ Urban Mayors Association

Dear Mayor,

Please click here to view a letter that was just sent to Governor Murphy and all members of the State Legislature indicating provisions that should be included in any marijuana legislation, should it advance in the legislature, that would support and protect the interests of New Jersey's Municipalities.

This letter represents the current joint position of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, the NJ League of Municipalities and the NJ Urban Mayors Association with regards to pending marijuana legislation as we know it.

Please review the attachment and contact your Legislators with your view/recommendations.

Best regards,

NJCM

STAY CONNECTED:

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COLORADO US ATTORNEY BOB TROYER HEADLINES SAM SUMMIT

APRIL 25, 2019, ATLANTA, GA

Don't miss the 6th Annual SAM Summit, once again taking place in conjunction with the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta, GA on April 25, 2019.

SAM is proud to announce that U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer, District Of Colorado, has just been added as the featured keynote.

This will be a must-see presentation as US Attorney Troyer will discuss his first-hand experience dealing with the negative effects of marijuana legalization in the state of Colorado. Be sure to read his September 2018 op-ed "[It's high time we took a breath from marijuana commercialization.](#)"

We will also feature TED-talk like presentations on various topics, and a Shark Tank to fund YOUR ideas. More on this very soon!

Registration Rates:

- Attend SAM Summit Only: \$349
- Add to Rx Summit Registrations: \$299

Topics to be covered include: Lessons Learned from Legalized States, States to Watch in 2019 and Beyond, Legalization and Social Justice, and more.

If your organization would like to sponsor the summit, email us at info@learnaboutsam.org for more information on how to get involved.

The whole SAM team and I hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Kevin Sabet
Founder and President
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DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton
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Slope in Today's
Challenging Environment
-Holiday Inn Hasbrouck
Heights](#)

October 30-

[Navigating the Slippery
Slope in Today's
Challenging Environment
-Hotel ML, Mount Laurel](#)

Nov 13-15-

[103rd Annual League
Conference-Atlantic City
Convention Center,](#)

From the President

By Mayor James L. Cassella, President

The 103rd Annual Conference is just about a month away! Are you planning to attend? If you haven't made arrangements yet, here is a list of reasons why you should:

1. The Mayors Luncheon features a cabinet level briefing and will be held Wednesday, November 14. Visit the [Conference Meal Function page](#) to see the speaker line up and order tickets.
2. Hundreds of Exhibitors with products and programs that benefit your municipality on our exhibit floor. Visit the [online Exhibit Interactive Floor Plan](#).
3. Over 100 Educational Sessions with the topics of: emergency management, development and revitalization, ethics, environmental issues and sustainability, transportation, housing and foreclosure, telecommunications, taxes, and much, much, more. Visit

Atlantic City

December 5-

Medical Marijuana: What Public Employers Need to Know in New Jersey Webinar

December 6-

Strengthening the Bench: A Discussion of the Municipal Court Reform Proposals

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Raymond Heck

Mayor, Millstone

Susan Howard

Mayor, Monmouth Beach
Borough

Thomas Kelaher

Mayor, Toms River Township

Albert Kelly

Mayor, Bridgeton

the Conference page to see the full list of sessions. I hope to see you at the Conference!

Go Digital at This Year's Conference! Download Our Conference App!

Starting October 3rd you can download the official conference mobile app. With this app you will be able to access a fully searchable session schedule, interactive map of the exhibit floor, a thorough listing of exhibitors, and up-to-date event information. Don't miss important sessions, speakers or exhibits – create a personalized schedule before you arrive onsite to maximize your experience! Download Day is October 3rd. You can see more information on the Mobile App on the Conference Mobile App Webpage. The League's Mobile app is sponsored by AT&T. Please visit them in Booth 1400.

Conference Hotel Deadlines

-Contact Dee Kotch at ext 115 or dkotch@nislom.org

The last date to make reservations (based on availability) is Friday, October 5 for the paper form (or October 12 for the online form). The last day to cancel reservations without incurring any charges is November 8 for Resorts, Caesars, Bally's, Sheraton, Borgata, Courtyard by Marriott, Hard Rock, and the Tropicana, and 48 hour notice before arrival for the Claridge.

Annual Mayors' Hall Of Fame

-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 or mdarcy@nislom.org

These mayors will be inducted to the Mayors' Hall of Fame during the Mayors' Box Luncheon on Wednesday, November 14 in the Crown Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel.

White (30 Years)

- Joseph R. Smith ,East Newark Borough

Gold (20 Years)

- Paul H. Tomasko ,Alpine Borough
- Randy George ,North Haledon Borough
- John P. Watt, Teterboro Borough

Silver (10-20 Years)

- David McLaughlin,Alenhurst Borough
- John A. Morgan ,Andover Borough
- William W. Curtis,Bay Head Borough
- Carmen F. Amato, Jr.,Berkeley Township
- Kenneth Paris ,Delran Township
- Joseph P. Stemberger,Eimer Borough
- Paul Anzano,Hopewell Borough

Liz Lempert
Mayor, Princeton
Gary Passanante
Mayor, Somerdale Borough
William Pikolycky
Mayor, Woodbine
Paul Tomasko
Mayor Alpine Borough
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- Russell W. Felter, Jefferson Township
 - Nicolas Russo, Longport Borough
 - Ellen B. Pompper, Lower Alloways Creek Township
 - Jonathan Hornick, Marlboro Township
 - Michael Giordano, North Plainfield Borough
 - Wilda Diaz, Perth Amboy City
 - Mohamad T. Khairullah, Prospect Park Borough
 - Pasquale Menna, Red Bank Borough
 - Denis McDaniel, Springfield Township (Burlington)
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October Is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

With the advancement of technology, communication, and social media, people are more connected than ever. With this increase in the use of technology also comes the increase of cyber related crimes and privacy issues. To help make the public aware of these growing threats, October has been designated as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cyber security and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident. Each week the Department of Homeland Security will discuss a different theme revolving around Cyber Security to help bring awareness to these issues and educate the public on what they can do to avoid cyber breaches in their own personal computers and at work. For more information on National Cyber Security Awareness Month including resources guides, programs, and more please visit the [Department of Homeland Security Website](#).

Submit League Conference Resolutions by Oct. 5

-Contact Mike Cerra at x120 or mcerra@nislom.org

The Conference Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions from officials who are currently in municipal office. A summary of the proposed resolution should be sent to the League office by Friday, October 5, 2018. All resolutions must be general and relate to municipal government interests. For more information contact Michael Cerra, Assistant Executive Director at 609-695-3481 x120 or mcerra@nislom.org.

Important Notice about Your CEU's at the 2018 League Conference

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut at x 118 or dholland@nislom.org

Check for more updates on twitter [@NJLeague](#) or

<http://www.facebook.com/nileague>

In order to expedite the CEU Tracking process, the League will have badge scanning in every classroom at the Atlantic City Convention Center. All attendees looking to earn CEU's must follow the process mentioned below.

For Sessions with CEU's:

- There will be no CEU Volunteers present at the doors. Instead attendees will self-scan-in and out. Desktop Scanners will be present at the entrance of each room.
- Following the conference, the attendees will log on to the Tracking System website and download their CEU's the same way they have done in previous years.

All ATTENDEES scanning for credit MUST self-scan in and out.

This is a requirement of all accrediting bodies to receive CEU's.

Voluntarily Verify Your Attendance At Conference Sessions

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut at x118 or dholland@nislom.org

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For those attendees who aren't receiving CEU's but wish to track their attendance, they have the option to self-scan in and out of every session utilizing the badge scanners in each classroom.

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Fred G. Stickel Memorial

Award Nominations Are Now Being Accepted

The New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys is seeking nominations for the "Fred G. Stickel Memorial Award." This is an annual award given by the institute to a member of the New Jersey bar who has demonstrated excellence in the field of public sector law and has contributed time and effort to advance the interests of municipal law. Nominations for this award may be made on the application via the [Institute of Government Attorney's website](#).

Applications should be sent to:
Edward J. Buzak
Nominating Committee
Institute of Local Government Attorneys
150 River Road, Suite N-4
Montville, NJ 07045

Deadline for the receipt of nominations is October 5, 2018

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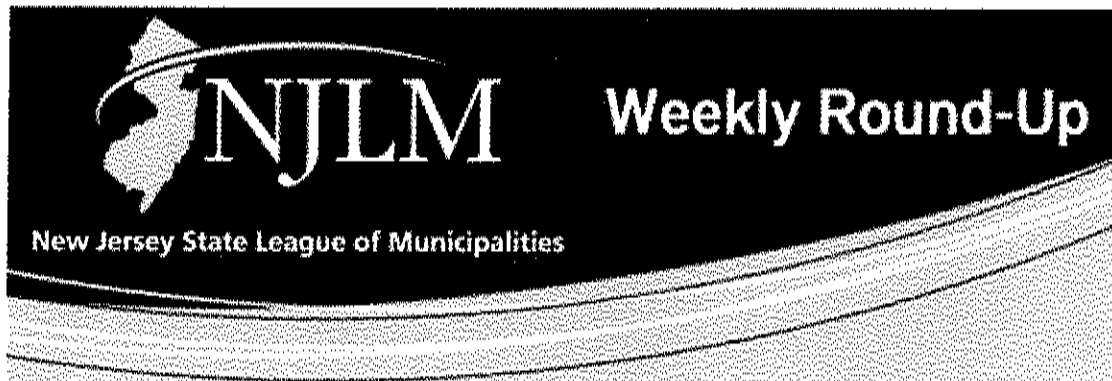
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Subject: Weekly Round-Up



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September 28, 2018

- I. State Issues
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Municipal Clerks: Please forward to Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

I. State Issues

a. Division of Local Government Services Issues Local Finance Notice on SALT Charitable Contribution Law

On September 25 the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) issued [Local Finance Notice 2018-23](#) providing guidance on the implementation of the SALT Charitable

Contribution Law. As you may recall, in response to the 2017 Federal Tax Reform, which included a \$10,000 limit on the State and Local Taxes (SALT) deduction, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2018, c. 11, commonly referred to as the Charitable Trust legislation. It took effect on July 3, 2018.

The law permits municipalities, counties and/or school districts to establish a charitable trust. In turn taxpayers can receive a credit for a charitable donation on their property tax bill. In theory, the property taxpayer would be able to use 90% of the charitable donation as a tax deduction on their federal income taxes. However, the IRS has issued proposed regulations to reduce the deductions available for charitable contributions by the amount of any state or local tax credit the taxpayer receives or expects to receive in return. In response, both Governor Murphy and State Attorney General Gurbir Grewal expressed opposition to the proposal and said that the State will challenge the IRS proposal in Court if necessary.

For more, [please click here for the NJLM September 27 Special Issue Briefing.](#)

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Senior Analyst, lbuckelew@nislom.org, 609-695-3481, x112.

b. New ABC Rule for Limited Brewery Licensees Issued

Last Friday, September 21, 2018, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Director David P. Rible issued, effective immediately, a 'Special Ruling Authorizing Certain Activities by Holders of Limited Brewery Licenses.' The Special Ruling is meant to clarify provisions of Chapter 47, P.L. 2012, which revised the 'law regarding limited breweries, commonly known as micro-breweries, and restricted breweries, commonly known as brewpubs.'

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Thanks to the Leadership of Congressman Frelinghuysen, Congress passed Appropriations bills that included this funding, which is crucial to the repair of the Northeast Corridor and vital to the Gateway Project. A copy of the Coalition's letter is available on the League's website

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- Spring 2018 (Apr-Jun) – Investigations of Officer-Involved Shootings
- Summer 2018 (Jun-Aug) – Opioids
- Fall 2018 (Sep-Nov) – Immigration Enforcement
- Winter 2018-19 (Dec-Feb) – Bias Crimes

The events will include presentations and/or discussions on the quarterly topic. For a listing of scheduled public events contact your county prosecutor or visit the 21/21 Community Policing Project site.

d. Application for 2018 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Available

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is accepting applications for the 2018 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards (GEEA). The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs, and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. Since the awards program was established in 2000, 170 winners have been recognized. Nominations can be submitted for seven different categories. In addition, the category for "Environmental Education" has been divided into two awards: one for adult-led educational initiatives and one for projects that are student-led or have succeeded due to a high level of student involvement.

The GEEA Program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Award winners will be honored at a ceremony in December, to be held in Trenton. The 2018 application and other awards information is available at the DEP website. Completed applications must be received at DEP by October 5.

Questions – Contact Tanya Oznowich at DEP at 609-984-9802 or Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov

e. Brownfields Reuse Workshop

The NJ Brownfields Interagency Working Group is hosting an "Accelerate Land Reuse for Community Revitalization" workshop to address questions around legal liability, regulatory issues, funding resources, assessment/remediation, and community engagement to spur redevelopment of these properties.

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The workshop is free but registration is required. Attend October 9th at the Middlesex Fire Academy in Sayreville OR October 18th at the Kroc Center in Camden. Come meet with the experts you need to move your redevelopment projects. Register today at the center for creative land recycling website.

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Wed 9/26/2018 1:38 PM

to Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Dear friend,

Thank you so much for your continued support of our cause. Monday we showed the state of New Jersey how we really feel about recreational marijuana!

After a lively discussion in Trenton with many supporters we marched to the courthouse and were able speak with lawmakers and others on why commercialization would be a black mark on the history of New Jersey. We are here because of you and we continue to fight the good fight with much success.

Please take a moment and take a look at our [presentation](#) on the hazards of legalization and what it would mean to bring Big Marijuana to your proud state.

The link will be available for the next 10 days.

Thank you again for everything you do,

Dr. Kevin Sabet
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About SAM Action

SAM Action is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to promoting healthy marijuana policies that do not involve legalizing drugs. SAM Action engages in high-impact political campaigns to oppose marijuana legalization and commercialization.

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Due to a recent development, we have chosen to move the time and location of this very important strategy meeting on September 24th. We apologize for any inconvenience but we hope you can still attend.

<<Click here to register>>

The bill to commercialize recreational marijuana in NJ could very well come before the Senate Judiciary Committee on September 24th, so we want to be close to the State House. This is our moment to educate the committee on why bringing such a reckless proposal to New Jersey is not in the best interest of the Garden State.

To accommodate this committee meeting and provide the opportunity for some to be heard, we will first meet at the New Jersey State Museum, 205 W State Street, Trenton (a short walk to the Statehouse) at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 24th with breakfast and networking. The formal agenda begins at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana will join us to discuss the strategy needed to hold back the legalization of recreational use of marijuana.

This is not a call to lobby! It is a chance to educate and engage those members of the Senate who will vote on this issue. So, come one and come all to this important meeting.

The New Jersey State Museum is located at 205 West State Street, Trenton. Also, free parking is available in the State House garage, first come first serve. Attendees would have to show ID to Trooper at garage guard booth. Metered parking is available outside the Statehouse

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Cheers,

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The plan design changes adopted by the SHBP Plan Design Committee for plan year 2017 have been reaffirmed for plan year 2019. These changes include an out-of-network reimbursement change for physical therapy services in PPO plans, mandatory generic for prescription drugs, and prescription drug copay change. The SHBP Plan Design Committee also approved the continuation of the alternative prescription drug formulary for plan year 2019.

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The Senate-passed bill also includes continued funding for some other departments and agencies, which will allow them to operate at current fiscal year levels through December 7. Those provisions would defer debate on issues like a border wall until after November elections.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Wed 9/19/2018 1:56 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Update on Legalization of Marijuana Legislation
(Marijuana Legalization: Opt-In/Opt-Out, Local Option Tax)

(SUPPORT NEEDED FOR 5% LOCAL OPTION TAX)

Recent reports indicate that a bill to expand the states medical marijuana program would move very soon, concurrently with an adult recreational use bill.

The Governor, Senate President and Assembly Speaker have indicated their support of the legalization of recreational marijuana use. While a consensus bill has not yet been introduced there are reports that municipalities would have an opportunity to exercise an "Opt Out" provision to the legislation.

It has been reported that amongst other provisions there is a consensus of the following, among those Legislators who support this legislation.

- For those who "Opt-In" a local option tax of up to 2% to be retained by the host municipality.
- Automatic eligibility for those convicted of marijuana possession for expungement of that criminal record via the expungement process.
- An estimated total tax on the industry of up to 25% (10% proposed by some legislators; 25% proposed by administration) not including the local option tax (up to 2%)

The New Jersey Conference of Mayors, the League of Municipalities, and the Urban Mayors Association had indicated to the prime Senate sponsor, Senator Scutari the following comments and recommendations (in August):

We stated that all three organizations are generally supportive of the expansion of medical marijuana and decriminalization, but are not prepared to support the current legislative proposals for the legalization of recreational marijuana. But if such a bill advances there should be provisions that support and protect the interest of New

Jersey's municipalities. In doing so, we offered a number of recommendations, including:

- Any legislation authorize municipalities to implement a local excise tax of up to 5% on any or all of the four proposed licenses;
- Licensees should be required, as a condition of the license, to enter into a host benefit agreement with the municipality. This would be similar to the model used in Massachusetts;
- There should be a mechanism in place to verify that the revenues collected as a result of a local excise tax are being returned appropriately to the host municipality;
- Licensees should also be subject to any local license or mercantile fees, as would be the case with any other business.

Of revenues collected by the state, we further suggest the following:

- Portions of this funding be dedicated for specific purposes to assistant local law and health enforcement and public safety, including funding for Drug Recognition Experts (DREs); and,
- The development of a statewide DUI protocol.

As noted above, the Legislative sponsors, according to press reports, are in agreement on a 2% local option tax. A municipality which chooses to opt-in should be assured that revenues will offset the costs of enforcement. Otherwise other taxpayers in the community will subsidize the industry. Based on our discussions with Mayors and with our fellow Leagues in states that have legalized marijuana, it is our belief that 2% is insufficient to offset costs and is an incentive for municipalities to opt-out. Enforcement will fall almost entirely on municipal governments, which will need to absorb costs associated with law and code enforcement, health services, education and social services.

We urge you to contact your Legislators and ask that if they support legalization, to also support a 5% local option tax.

IMPORTANT

Please take immediate action and talk to your Legislators on this issue now and let them know how you feel. There are issues apparent in any legislation that would legalize the recreational use of marijuana that would impact all municipalities regardless of whether you would opt-in or opt-out. So no matter your position on the issue, please advise your Legislators of the concerns and recommendations covered in this correspondence. In particular, it is critical to communicate that the suggested 2% option tax is insufficient and should be changed so that municipalities can choose to implement a 5% tax.

As negotiations continue in the legislature regarding this legislation Mayors will be informed of any substantial changes.

Regards,
NJCM

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September 14, 2018

- I. State Issues
- II. Federal Issue
- III. League Conference
- IV. Also of Interest

Municipal Clerks: Please forward to Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

I. State Issues

a. Cannabis/Marijuana Legalization and the Local Option Tax

Please see the important alert and update on the status of legislation to legalize the adult use of recreational marijuana: League's [September 12 Alert](#).

Contacts: Michael F. Cerra, Assistant Executive Director, mcerra@nislom.org, 609-695-3481 x120.

b. State AG Creates New Unit; Seeking to Strengthen Public Confidence in Government and Justice System

On Monday, NJ Attorney General Grewal announced the creation of a special unit within the Office of Attorney General to combat corruption and strengthen public confidence in government institutions. The new unit, called the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability ("OPIA") will be led by Thomas J. Eicher, a longtime federal prosecutor who has experience with complex corruption investigations and has obtained numerous convictions of unscrupulous public officials.

According to the AG's press release, "OPIA will investigate and prosecute criminal abuses of the public trust and handle other sensitive matters that implicate the public's confidence in both governments and the criminal justices system...." This includes matters involving federal, state, or local officials, allegations of civil rights violations involving law enforcement officers and agencies, internal affairs investigations, and wrongful conviction claims. To ensure the independence of the investigations, the OPIA will report directly to the AG, outside the normal reporting chain of the Division of Criminal Justice.

Contact: Frank Marshall, Esq., League Staff Attorney, FMarshall@nislom.org, 609-695-3481 x137.

II. Federal Issue

a. Federal Lawmakers Seek to Make SALT Deduction Cap Permanent

Earlier this week, Federal lawmakers introduced a series of bills which seek to make permanent certain revisions made last year to the tax code. Among those provisions sought to be made permanent is the controversial, \$10,000 cap placed on the deduction of state and local taxes ("SALT"). Without the proposed legislation, the cap would expire in 2025.

The move to make the SALT cap permanent comes only weeks after the IRS issued proposed regulations limiting the effectiveness of workarounds many states, including New Jersey, have created to reduce the negative impact of the SALT cap.

The League is monitoring the progress of the Federal bills and other issues regarding the SALT cap, and will update our members on any progress.

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III. League Conference

a. Unauthorized Hospitality Functions

The 103rd Annual League Conference will soon be upon us and we know you are looking forward to a productive and educational week.

Numerous exhibitors and groups have scheduled receptions and hospitality functions during the evening hours in Atlantic City. However each year there are a few commercial entities that schedule hospitality function such as brunches and lunches which conflict with the Conference programming. These unauthorized functions should not be confused with legitimate business luncheons sponsored by our affiliated associations and their members. The League urges you not to attend daytime hospitality functions offered by commercial firms.

Instead, plan your daytime activities so you can derive the greatest educational benefit from attending the League Conference. League Education sessions begin at 9:00 AM, break at noon when there are informative Exhibitor Learning Sessions, resume at 2:00 and finally adjourn at 5:15.

As always, the League is available to answer your questions on any aspect of the annual conference and we strive to make your participation both enjoyable and highly productive.

Contact: Michael J. Darcy, CAE, Executive Director, mdarcy@njslom.org, 609-695-3481 x116.

b. Exhibits at the Annual Conference

Do you know a vendor that would be a good fit for the Annual Conference? If so, ask them about being an exhibitor or have them contact Kristin Lawrence, Exhibit Manager at 609-695-3481 x125 or klawrence@njslom.org. Information is also available on [our website](#).

c. Don't Forget! CEU Tracking System Procedures for 103rd Annual NJLM Conference

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For Sessions that Have CEU credit Available

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IV. Also of Interest

a. The League is Now Accepting Applications for the Innovation in Governance Program!

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities will again acknowledge and promote Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase innovative

solutions to any problems that have cropped up – either suddenly or over time – in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to let your peers in on innovations that prevented problems from even arising.

Visit our awards page to see previous years of impressive ideas created by our winning municipalities as well as the full invitation and application to this year's program.

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Legislative Administrator, CBradley@nislom.org, 609-695-3481 x128.

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BREAKING: HHS Reports Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing

SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) <info@learnaboutsam.org>

Re: 9/14/2018 10:21 AM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

New HHS Survey: Heavy Marijuana Use Skyrocketing; Youth in Late Teens Using More Marijuana Now Than Any Time in Recent History

**For Immediate Release:
September 14, 2018**

**Contact:
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703-462-0530**

(Alexandria, Va) - There are now twice as many daily or near daily marijuana users in the US than just a decade ago, according to the most comprehensive survey on drug use released today by the federal government. There are also now 8,300 new marijuana users each day, and 22% of 18 to 25 year olds are currently using the drug--the highest number for all three stats in recent memory.

"The marijuana industry is getting their wish," said Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and a former White House drug policy adviser. "More people are using highly potent pot edibles and other items much more often, and the perception of harm for these products is plummeting. It is time we woke up as a country and put science above ideology."

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) also found that 42% of marijuana users use the drug daily or almost daily, and that marijuana was used by more than 8 in 10 substance users. Marijuana use rose significantly among age groups 12 and up, 18 and up, and 26 and up. Use among 12 to 17 year olds was stable versus last year, though in legalized states NSDUH data show marijuana use higher on average in legalized states.

"Big Marijuana - just like Big Tobacco years ago - continues to glorify marijuana as a cure-all that can do little or no harm," said Sabet. "If it wasn't for marijuana, overall drug use in this country would be going down. Rising mental health issues, drugged driving crashes, and an increasingly stoned workforce won't help us get ahead. We should put the brakes on marijuana legalization and start a national science-based marijuana awareness campaign similar to successful anti-tobacco campaigns."

NSDUH state-level data, which shows the gulf between use in states with legalized pot versus those with no legalization laws, is expected later this year and not included in this report. The last state estimate report showed Colorado is the #1 state in the country for first time marijuana use among teens.

According to a recent report by SAM, legalized states have seen negative public health and safety consequences, including increased marijuana use and car crashes related to marijuana.

"We shouldn't incarcerate people for marijuana use, but legalization is promoting a commercial industry driving heavy pot use among young people. We need a smarter approach that focuses on prevention, awareness, and recovery," added Sabet.

Research has found that marijuana affects the developing brain negatively, and that most people's brains develop well into their 20s.

SAM will be updating info about NSDUH as we receive the full report.

For more information, please visit www.learnaboutsam.org

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DON'T LET NEW JERSEY GO TO POT - NEW VENUE

Dear friend,

Thank you for your interest in attending the "Don't Let NJ Go To Pot" Stakeholder Meeting on September 24th.

Due to a recent development, we have chosen to move the time and location of this very important strategy meeting on September 24th. We apologize for any inconvenience but we hope you can still attend.

<<Click here to register>>

The bill to commercialize recreational marijuana in NJ could very well come before the Senate Judiciary Committee on September 24th, so we want to be close to the State House. This is our moment to educate the committee on why bringing such a reckless proposal to New Jersey is not in the best interest of the Garden State.

To accommodate this committee meeting and provide the opportunity for some to be heard, we will first meet at the New Jersey State Museum, 205 W State Street, Trenton (a short walk to the Statehouse) at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 24th with breakfast and networking. The formal agenda begins at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Kevin Sabet, founder and president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana will join us to discuss the strategy needed to hold back the legalization of recreational use of marijuana.

This is not a call to lobby! It is a chance to educate and engage those members of the Senate who will vote on this issue. So, come one and come all to this important meeting.

Metered parking is available outside the Statehouse, as well as in the Statehouse garage for free. It is on a first-come first-served basis.

Please share this event on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)! We hope you can make it!

Cheers,

Mary Pat Angelini

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Event to be held at the following date and time:

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LETTER: State must be aggressive with fiscal reforms, by Senator Anthony Bucco

"Our families and their employers already pay income, business, and property taxes that are among the highest in the nation. We must acknowledge that New Jersey is at a tipping point. The great fiscal reckoning that's approaching cannot be ignored or wished away." - Senator Anthony Bucco

[\(Continue reading at The Daily Record\)](#)

Mendham, Chester, Washington Township officials consider more shared services, by Mark Kitchen

"Representatives from the Chesters, Mendhams and Washington Township have been getting together over the past two months to explore additional ways to share services. The Ad Hoc Shared Service Task Force was initiated by Mendham Township Committeewoman Sarah Neibart with help from Chester Township Councilman Mike Inganamort in an effort to have the towns help each other more on a regional basis." [\(Continue reading at The Observer Tribune\)](#)

SALT In New Jersey's Property Tax Wound: Federal Government's Response to SALT Workaround Laws, by Citizens for Accountable Taxation

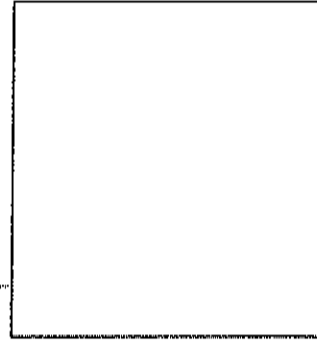
The U.S. Department of Treasury & IRS have proposed new rules affirming the federal government's stance in opposition to recent laws enacted by states, such as New Jersey & New York, attempting to circumvent a \$10,000 cap on State and Local Tax (SALT) deductions on Federal Income Taxes. [\(Continue reading at Fair Property Taxes for All NJ - Newsletters\)](#)

Is tax relief on the way? by the Asbury Park Press

"...the committee recommended further study of a local option sales tax, and a plan to shift Extraordinary Special Education costs to the state level will reduce the burden on school property taxes. But the best way to reduce our reliance on property taxes is not by a cost shift, but by controlling pension and health care costs and by making our local governments and school districts more efficient." - Senator Steve Sweeney [\(Continue reading at the APP.com\)](#)

Flooded Brick Homes May Be Eligible For 2019 Tax Adjustments, by Karen Wall

"If your home was damaged by flooding as a result of the Aug. 13 rainstorm, Brick Township officials said temporary adjustments to property tax assessments may be available for those whose homes are not repaired quickly." [\(Continue reading at The Brick Patch\)](#)



Other Headlines:

["Fanwood Property Revaluation Program"](#)

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Here's a quick rundown of what SAM was up to in August

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News Roundup

August 2018

We hope you had an amazing Labor Day weekend!

Thank you all for the great work you are doing to defend public health and safety. Here is a brief rundown of what we have been up to over the last month.

**New Report: Colorado Tests
Thousands of Drivers for Pot, Two-
Thirds are Positive**

**Phillip Morris Execs Admit They Are
"Looking Into" Expanding Into the
Marijuana Industry**

In one of the most concerning developments to date, a published report by the state of Colorado found that in 2016, **73% of some 4,000 drivers charged with driving under the influence tested positive for marijuana.** The report, by the Division of Criminal Justice, also revealed that half of the drivers who tested positive were over the legal limit of THC in their blood. And **53 percent admit they smoked marijuana within two hours of getting behind the wheel.**

During an interview with Barclays Investments on September 5, 2018, tobacco industry executives from Altria (the parent company of tobacco giant Philip Morris) indicated their interest in taking advantage of marijuana as a new product line:

Q: "Were it (marijuana) legalized, is there any reason to believe that you would have a competitive advantage in the cannabis business, say, relative to a booze company?"

"I have read thousands of research reports over the last 25 years - and this one is one of the most alarming. To make matters worse, **marijuana impairment is most likely underrepresented in data due to the fact that it is so hard to gauge.** Other states considering legalization must pump the breaks and take note of such damning reports."

Murray Garnick (Altria):

"Well, it's a hypothetical and actually we're exploring our options. There's nothing more... I can't really go beyond that. We're exploring our options. We're studying and evaluating market opportunities. And obviously, that question is one of the questions we're looking at."

SEPTEMBER: CELEBRATE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH WITH SAM AND THE SAM TOOLKIT!

September is National Recovery Month. We at SAM celebrate this month with the whole country. It is a time to remind everyone that marijuana use disorder is real, and recovery happens.

In order to help you join in the discussion of the importance of recovery from drug addiction, SAM has put together a toolkit full of helpful links to studies highlighting marijuana addiction, inspirational stories and blog posts discussing recovery from addiction, examples of letters to the editors and opinion pieces, one-pagers on drugged driving and the link between marijuana use and opioids, and even sample tweets and facebook posts.

For some inspiration, click here to view "On the Road to Recovery" by Ben Cort or here to view #MyTruth by Justin Luke Riley.

Click here to check out the comprehensive toolkit packed with material to keep you informed and active in the discussion all month long. Please use this information to promote the message that marijuana use is on the rise, and recovery is possible with the right tools.

SAM Founder Sits Down With CBC in Canada

"When most people talk about Canada's impending legalization of marijuana, they talk about the future. When Kevin Sabet talks about it, he worries about history repeating.

"There are huge misconceptions, I often feel like we're living in 1918, not 2018," he said. "When I say 1918, I mean 1918 for tobacco when everyone thought that smoking cigarettes was no problem and we had a new industry that was just starting."

"We hadn't had tobacco related deaths before the 20th century because we hadn't had a lot of cigarettes, which actually gave us the most deadly form of tobacco we've ever seen. I feel like we're like that with marijuana."

To read the full story and watch the interview, please [click here](#).

The Marijuana Trail: Oregon-Grown Pot Shipped to More than Half the Nation

Op-ed in Washington Examiner: Beware of Increasingly Common Drugged Driving on Labor Day

A new report on marijuana production, distribution and consumption in Oregon is **finding major problems since the legalization of the drug**. The Idaho/Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) report finds there is so much pot in circulation, it's being shipped to more than half the states in the nation. The study also discovered many illicit growth sites are in impoverished counties that could one day see their economy collapse due to falling pot prices.

"The effects of commercialization on Oregon are painfully clear: more use, more advertising, and more Big Tobacco playbook tactics. There is no potency limit on pot in Oregon, and Big Marijuana is already producing multiple times the demand for pot, which is fueling a massive black market. It's time we held the industry accountable for its actions."

SAM president and founder, Dr. Kevin Sabet recently penned an oped in the *Washington Examiner* warning Americans to be alert and aware to the dangers of drugged driving over the Labor Day weekend.

Large increases in DUI cases often coincide with holiday weekends, and **drugged driving is becoming more and more common** -- particularly in states that have legalized marijuana.

"In Colorado, the first state to legalize marijuana, **the number of drivers under the influence of pot involved in fatal crashes increased 88 percent since legalization.** Also, collision claims in Colorado are 14 percent higher than in nearby states that have not legalized pot."